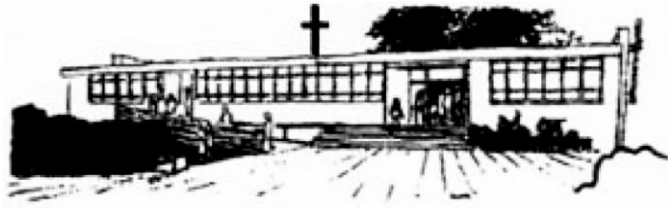


# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Please leave a detailed Message

## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

24<sup>th</sup> March 2019, Year C/1



ANGELICO, Fra, Annunciation Cortona, 1433-34

Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil: 6:00pm

Sunday: 8:30am  
10:00am

Weekday Masses:

Monday-Friday 8:00am

Saturday 8:30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday after 8:30am Mass

### ST. JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Mrs. Patricia Reilly - Principal

#### School Office Times

8:30 am - 4:00 pm - Monday to Friday

#### Address

94 Joseph Street  
Kingswood, NSW 2747

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## ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

### LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

**Entrance Antiphon:** My eyes are always on the Lord, for He rescues my feet from the snare.  
Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

**First Reading:** Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord is kind and merciful.

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

**Gospel:** Luke 13:1-9

#### VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

Special Intention for Birthday

SUNDAY 8:30am

Kirby & Flonerchia (Rec. Dec.)

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8:00am

ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

Healing for Br Vincent Dowd  
Repose of Soul of Br Gianni Panozzo

Tuesday 8:00am

3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Lent

Waclaw Knapik OP (Rec. Dec.)

Wednesday 8:00am

3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Lent

Thursday 8.00am

3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Lent

Friday 8.00am

3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Lent

Saturday 8.30am

3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Lent

#### ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

Please contact the Parish Office or one of the Priests.  
In the case of Emergency please call the emergency number at the front of this bulletin.

#### BAPTISM OR MARRIAGE:

Please contact the Parish Office.

#### RECENTLY DECEASED :

Kirby & Flonerchia, Luis Orrego, Br Gianni Panozzo, Waclaw Knapik OP

#### YOUTH MASS

Our next Youth Mass will be Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April at 6pm. Please invite all young people to come along for Mass followed by a get together in the Parish Hall.

#### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will take place at 6pm every Friday during Lent.

#### SACRAMENTS 2019 – AFTER 10AM MASS

Reconciliation – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April

First Communion – Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June

Registration & 1<sup>st</sup> Session – 28<sup>th</sup> April

Confirmation – Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November

Registration & 1<sup>st</sup> Session – 28<sup>th</sup> July

#### POPE FRANCIS' MARCH INTENTIONS

##### Evangelisation – Christian Communities

That Christian communities, especially those persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.

**WE PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Kevin Collins, John McCahon, Kathryn Tuckwell, Carmel Kerr, Roger Stevens, Cameron Stevens, Shayla, Karen Morvan, Margaret Colville, Katalin Domotor, Barbara Thompson, Zig Barglik, Valerie Davies, Raymond Waters, Jason Isbitski, Andrew Isbitski, David Jenkins, Gill Waltisbuhl, Robert Waltisbuhl, Cecylia Tobera, Geoffrey Waltis.

**SICK LIST:** If you have anyone for the sick list, (Due to privacy laws) contact the Parish Office to fill in a form and update it at the end of each month to keep the names on the sick list.

PARISH AND THE DIOCESE

**SECOND COLLECTION:** Envelopes: \$981  
Loose: \$458.15

First Collection contributions go to the Diocese to support the priests working in the Parish.  
Second collection contributions go directly to the Parish to support day to day operation of the Parish.

**ROSARY IN OUR HOMES:**

If you would like Our Lady's Rosary Statue in your home please fill out the form at the back of Church. You would pick it up from and return it to the Church at the weekend.

**ST. JOSEPH'S PRAYER GROUP:**

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month at 7pm in the Parish Office. All are welcome.  
Any questions please ring Jim on 0411 280 950.

**CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP**

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month in the Church from 12.30pm to 3pm. All are most welcome. Please contact Delfin on 0478 784 885 with any questions.

**BIBLE STUDY**

Bible Study at 10.30am every Wednesday. All are most welcome. Please bring your Bibles with you.

**YOUTH GROUP**

Every Wednesday from 3pm to 5pm. Young people from Year 6 to 18 years are most welcome.

**PARISH LUNCH:**

Held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month. Our next Lunch will be Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April at Penrith Golf Club. All are most welcome.

**PARISH MOVIE**

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April at 2pm. Movie to be confirmed. All are welcome.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

To arrange for a Mass Intention please contact one of the Priests in person. We are unable to process Credit Cards, so your donation will need to be cash.

**LEGION OF MARY**

St Nicholas of Myra hold their meetings at 10.30am on Tuesdays. For details please ring the Penrith Office on 4721 2509.

**PROJECT COMPASSION**

Please take home a Project Compassion box and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season, themed "Give Lent 100%".

**LISTENING & SHARING RE CHURCH ISSUES**

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm at Our Lady of the Way Parish Hall, 19 Troy Street, Emu Plains. Please RSVP on 4735 1041 or [emuplains@parracatholic.org](mailto:emuplains@parracatholic.org)

**SAFEGUARDING SUPERHEROES**

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March from 6.30-9pm at Novotel Hotel, Norwest. With the Office for Safeguarding and Professional Standards, we offer a free program to those interested in safeguarding our young people. Contact [parracatholic.org/cyp-keeping-our-young-people-safe/](http://parracatholic.org/cyp-keeping-our-young-people-safe/)

**SOCIAL JUSTICE NIGHT – Right to Home**

All 18 to 30 years old are most welcome at 6.30pm 27<sup>th</sup> March at Mad Mex, 285 Church St., Parramatta. We will hear from experts and brainstorm actions over a shared meal. RSVP at [parrayouth@vinnies.org.au](mailto:parrayouth@vinnies.org.au).

**PARISH MISSION EVENT**

Bruce Downes, The Catholic Guy Event, from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> April at Holy Spirit Parish St Clair. Sessions are 10am and 7.30pm each day. Free Admission.

**YOUNG BEREAVED SPOUSES SUPPORT GROUP**

3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month from 7-9pm at 13 Buller St, North Parramatta. Cost \$5 Registration essential. Email [soloparentsservices@ccss.org.au](mailto:soloparentsservices@ccss.org.au) or ring Rita on 8843 2575.

**24 HOURS OF ADORATION FOR THE LORD**

29<sup>th</sup> to the 30<sup>th</sup> March at Mt Schoenstatt Shrine, 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa. Begins with Holy Mass at 6pm on Friday 29 March and ends with Holy Mass at 5pm on Saturday 30 March. Each hour will have reflection and music. Every half hour the Shrine will be silent for prayer and reflection. Come for 1 hour or 24. Enquires [manager@schoenstatt.org.au](mailto:manager@schoenstatt.org.au) or phone Ann-Maree: 02 4773 8338.

**THE PLENARY COUNCIL JOURNEY 2019**

**April/May** – National Centre for Pastoral Research collates and analyses all responses. A draft National Report developed with emergent themes for the Plenary Council identified. Look up Facebook, YouTube or Twitter for updates.

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS' CATECHESIS

**"Your Will be Done"**

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

Continuing our catechesis on the "Lord's Prayer", today we focus on the third invocation: "Your will be done". This must be read as united with the first two – "Hallowed be your name" and "Your Kingdom come" – so that together they form a triptych: "Hallowed be your name", "Your Kingdom come", "Your will be done".

Before the care of the world by man, there is the tireless care God uses in relation to man and the world. All the Gospel reflects this inversion of perspective. The sinner Zacchaeus climbs a tree because he wants to see Jesus, but he does not know that, much earlier, God had looked for him. Jesus, when He arrives, tells him: "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today". And in the end, He declares "For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost" (Lk 19: 5-10). Here is the will of God, the one we pray to be done. What is the will of God incarnated in Jesus? Search and save what is lost. And we, in prayer, ask that the search for God be successful, that his universal plan of salvation be fulfilled, first, in each of us and then in the whole world. Have you thought about what it means that God is looking for me? Each one of us can say: "But, God is looking for me?" – "Yes! He is looking for you! He is looking for me": He looks for each one, personally. But God is great! How much love there is behind all this.

God is not ambiguous, He does not hide behind enigmas, he has not planned the future of the world in an indecipherable way. No, He is clear. If we do not understand this, we risk not understanding the meaning of the third expression of the Lord's Prayer. Indeed, the Bible is full of expressions that describe God's positive will in relation to the world. And in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, we find a collection of citations that bear witness to this faithful and patient divine will (cf. 2821-2827). And Saint Paul, in the First Letter to Timothy, writes that He "wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth" (1 Tim 2: 4). This, without a shadow of a doubt, is the will of God: the salvation of man, of man, of every one of us. God, with His love, knocks on the door of our heart. Why? To attract us; to attract us to Him and to lead us ahead on the path of salvation. God is close to every one of us with His love, to lead us by the hand to salvation. How much love there is behind this!

Therefore, praying "Your will be done", we are not invited to bow our heads in a servile way, as though we were slaves. No! God wants us free; it is His love that

frees us. The Lord's Prayer, indeed, is the prayer of sons, not of slaves; but of sons who know their father's heart and are of his plan of love. Woe to us if, pronouncing these words, we were to shrug our shoulders as a sign of surrender in the face of a destiny that repels us yet we are unable to change. On the contrary, it is a prayer full of ardent trust in God Who wants goodness, life, and salvation for us. A courageous, even combative prayer, because in the world there are many, too many situations that do not follow God's plan. We all know them. To paraphrase the prophet Isaiah, we could say: "Here, Father, there is war, prevarication, exploitation; but we know that You want what is good for us, so we beg of you: let Your will be done! Lord, subvert the plans of the world, transform swords in plowshares and spears into pruning hooks; may no-one ever more practice the art of war!" (cf. 2: 49. God wants peace.

The Lord's Prayer is a prayer that ignites in us the same love of Jesus for the will of the Father, a flame that drives us to transform the world with love. The Christian does not believe in an ineluctable "fate". There is nothing haphazard in the faith of Christians: there is instead a salvation that awaits manifestation in the life of every man and woman and fulfillment in eternity. If we pray it is because we believe that God can and wants to transform reality by overcoming evil with good. To this, God it makes sense to obey and abandon oneself even in the hour of greatest difficulty.

This was the case for Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane when He experienced anguish and prayed: "Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done" (Lk 22: 42). Jesus is crushed by the evil of the world, but trustfully abandons Himself to the ocean of the love of the will of the Father. Even the martyrs, in their trial, did not seek death; they sought what came after death, resurrection. God, out of love, can lead us to walk on difficult paths, to experience painful wounds and thorns, but He will never abandon us. He will always be with us, next to us, within us. For a believer, this is not a hope but a certainty. God is with me.

We find the same in that parable of the Gospel of Luke dedicated to the need to pray always. Jesus says: "Will not God bring about justice for His chosen ones, who cry out to Him day and night? Will He keep putting them off? I tell you, He will see that they get justice, and quickly" (18: 7.8). This is how the Lord loves us, in this way He cares for us. But, I want to invite you all together now to pray the Lord's Prayer. And those of you who do not know Italian, pray in your own language. Let us pray together.